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SUBJECT: GOZ ASKS THAT SECURITY COUNCIL BE INFORMED OF SOVIET THREAT

1. I WAS CONVOKED BY FOREIGN MINISTER BULA AT 1130 THIS
MRNING. WHEN I ARRIVED, I FOUND THE FRENCH, BRITISH AND
CHINESE AMBASSADORS WAITING TO SEE BULA TOO. THE FOREIGN
MINISTER BEGAN BY SAYING THAT HE HAD CALLED US IN, AS
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PERMANENT MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE SECURITY
COUNCIL, TO INFORM US OF THE SITUATION IN CENTRAL AFRICA
AND SPECIFICALLY ABOUT THE DANGER TO ZAIRE POSED BY THE
SOVIET UNION'S RECENT AIRLIFT OF ARMS INTO CONGO BRAZZAVILLE.
BULA SAID THAT PRESIDENT MOBUTU WANTED OUR RESPECTIVE GOVERN-
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MENTS TO INFORM THE SECURITY COUNCIL OF "THIS GRAVE SOVIET

MENANCE TO ZAIRE."

2. BULA BEGAN BY RECALLING THE SOVIET DEMARCHE ON OCTOBER 28 (KINSHASA 9458) WHEN THE RUSSIAN CHARGE HAD ACCUSED ZAIRE OF INVADING ANGOLA AND HAD WARNED ZAIRE TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE POSSIBLE REPERCUSSIONS OF SUCH AN INTERVENTION. BULA RECALLED THE GOZ REBUTTAL OF THIS "SOVIET MENANCE--THIS BLATANT INTIMIDATION" AND WENT ON TO ASSERT THAT ON OCTOBER 29 THE SOVIETS HAD BEGUN A MASSIVE AIRLIFT OF UP TO TEN FLIGHTS OF AN-22S A DAY INTO BRAZZAVILLE. THE FOREIGN MINISTER SAID THAT THE SOVIET PLANES UNLOADED HEAVY WEAPONS, MIGS IN CRATES AND SOME 400 SOVIET TECHNICIANS.

3. BULA CONCLUDED THAT THE SOVIET DEMARCHE OF OCTOBER 28 WAS A "PRETEXT TO COVER THEIR OWN INTERVENTION IN THE AFFAIRS OF CENTRAL AFRICA." "THE DANGER IS THERE," THE FOREIGN MINISTER SAID, "THE USSR HAS MENANCED ZAIRE TO COVER ITS POLICY OF HEGEMONY IN AFRICA. THERE IS THE REAL DANGER OF AN ATTACK ON ZAIRE, AS WELL AS INCREASED SOVIET INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA. AT THIS MOMENT SOVIET MISSILES AND LONGRANGE GUNS LOCATED ON THE BRAZZAVILLE SIDE ARE POINTED AT KEY INSTALLATIONS IN ZAIRE. SOVIET PLANES ARE READY TO INTERVENE IN ANGOLA."

4 BULA SAID THAT MOBUTU WAS VERY PREOCCUPIED BY THE SOVIET THREAT IN CENTRAL AFRICA. SOVIET INTERVENTION IS NOT IN ACCORD WITH THE SPIRIT OF HELSINKI AND ZAIRE FAILS TO APPRECIATE THIS SOVIET INTERPRETATION OF DETENTE, HE SAID. BULA FINISHED THIS PART OF HIS PRESENTATION BY SAYING THAT PRESIDENT MOBUTU ASKED EACH OF US PRESENT TO INFORM OUR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS OF THE SITUATION AND THROUGH THEM TO INFORM THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

5. BULA ALSO REITERATED THE GOZ POSITION ON ANGOLA--SUPPORT FOR AMIN'S AND THE OAU EFFORT TOWARD A PEACEFUL SOLUTION, INSISTENCE UPON A GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNION. AND HE REPEATED ZAIRE'S POSITION ON CABINDA--INDEPENDENCE AND SELF-DETERMINATION. THEN HE ASKED IF WE HAD ANY QUESTIONS.

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6. THE CHINESE AMBASSADOR ASKED HOW MANY MIGS WERE IN THE CONGO AND BULA REPLIED THAT THERE WAS A SQUADRON OF 12 MIGS AT POINTE NOIRE AND "OTHERS" BEING ASSEMBLED AT BRAZZAVILLE. THE BRIT WANTED TO MAKE SURE QE IDI UTU WAS ASKING OUR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS TO INFORM THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND TO CONFIRM THAT ZAIRE DID NOT INTEND TO DO SO DIRECTLY. BULA CONFIRMED. I ASKED IF THE SITUATION AS DESCRIBED WOULD HAVE AN EFFECT ON SOVIET-ZAIRIAN RELATIONS

AS FORESHADOWED AFTER THE OCTOBER 28 CONFRONTATION. BULA
SMILED AND INVITED ME TO LISTEN TO THE NEWS. " I WILL BE
MAKING A DECLARATION TO THE PRESS SHORTLY," HE SAID. THE
BETTING IS THAT ZAIRE WILL BREAK RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET
UNION.
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